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Gary -- Schools

# Gary Educational Development Foundation, Inc.

**Enhancing learning within the Gary schools and through external resources to help ensure that students of every level acquire the skills, knowledge, values, motivation and vision needed for success in careers and as citizens.**

*1975 — 1990*

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# DEEP-ROOTED COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION BIRTHS FOUNDATION: THE HISTORY

The Gary Educational Development Foundation (GEDF) celebrates its 15th year of service but the seed for this revolutionary self-help initiative was planted some four decades ago.

In December of 1950, Gary College - a non-profit corporation - was dissolved. Through a resolution presented by Dean Fertsch, the College Board of Directors donated its remaining fiscal assets to public school officials to be used by Gary students.

The grant remained dormant until June of 1956 when Acting Superintendent of Gary Public Schools Clarence Swingley assembled a group of high school principals to determine the disposition of the Gary College Funds.

With $11,153, the committee of principals set up a $10,000 scholarship endowment and left the remainder in an expendable account. Annual scholarship awards were provided from the endowment revenue supplemented by withdrawals from the expendable balance. The fund was named the William A. Wirt Scholarship in memory of the first superintendent of Gary public schools.

The idea of the business community participating in the program evolved during the 1969-70 school year, when Frederick C. Ford was a member of the Gary School Board. That was the birth of the idea of a fund to expand educational opportunities beyond those provided by tax dollars.

The notion was warmly received by the business sector. A steering committee was formed. It consisted of Superintendent Gordon McAndrew; board members Ford, YJean Chambers, Joe Torres and Montague Oliver; schools business manager Richard Bass; attorney Fred Eichorn and Assistant Superintendent Haron J. Battle. The committee organized the GEDF as a not-for-profit corporation.

In September of 1970, Urban Ventures, Inc. - a non-profit corporation in Chicago with which Ford was involved - made the first donation of $28,000. The money was earmarked for the Foundation but placed in escrow with the Gary Community Schools where it was held until the organization was fully established.

In January of 1977, the Gary School Board passed a resolution that recognized the Foundation as an operating entity, and pledged to it the support of the board and school system.

The school board then transferred several trust fund assets to the Foundation and encouraged gifts, bequests, legacies and other donations from varied sources.

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The trust funds included the assets for the Wirt and Urban Ventures scholarships. It also included two other "identified" funds - William Titzel contributions to assist primary teachers through workshops and gifts toward a scholarship in memory of Catherine Hughes who served as supervisor of Foreign Languages for Gary schools: From the modest nucleus of a $28,000 endowment, the Foundation in 1990 exceeds $1.4 million in assets and promises to address the educational needs of Gary students - beyond those provided by tax dollars - for generations to come.

Beyond the conspicuous alliance with the education community, the Foundation has collaborated with other community organizations or programs that share the Foundation's sense of urgency relative to the learning needs of Gary students.

The Foundation is cooperating with the stated goals of the Gary Accord, an effort on the part of the mayor to form a consortium from business, government, education, civic, community and labor to improve achievement of Gary students and expand opportunities for both post-secondary education and employment after graduation.

The program for "At Risk" students, funded by the State and the Ford Foundation, is coordinated by the Gary school's director of support services who is also the GEDF associate executive director and chairman of scholarships. Exploration of the potential for GEDF collaboration with any of the program's six initiatives is explored repeatedly.

The executive director and three other GEDF board members are involved deeply in the education component of Steel City Hall of Fame, "Gary's Celebration of Excellence." In 1990, GEDF provided certificates for ten student honorees from each of eight high schools and three post-secondary institutions who were sponsored by civic partners as special guests at the Steel City Hall of Fame banquet.

This kind of collaboration economized the energy and resources for multiple entities to achieve common goals. Business participants and other donors of time and dollars are especially mindful of the need for such economies. The Foundation serves as a catalyst.

# HELPING STUDENTS HELP THEMSELVES: THE MARTIN LUTHER KING GRANTS

In 1988, Emerson Visual and Performing Arts Center pianist Maulty Jewell was helped in his quest to play in Europe through a donation from the Martin Luther King Grants. A year later, it helped five Gary students put their aspirations in orbit as they were able to attend a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Space Camp on a grant.

Gary student Tamara Williams was aided in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study in France during the 1989-90 school year by the King fund - supplementing a scholarship she received from the Gary Rotary Club for the exchange program. And King funds were appropriated for a film documentary at Martin Luther King Academy in Gary to explore the problems of dropouts and what brings them back to school.

The unique aspect of the Martin Luther King Jr. Grant initiative is that it is the primary fund of the Gary Educational Development Foundation supported substantially by the donations of the students themselves. Nickels and dimes add up from the grade school level through high school in this program each year. As of the 15th anniversary of GEDF, the total collected in Gary schools for the King endowment is $78,327.18.

The student "bootstrap" effort of self-help has seen donations spiral from $4,284.19 contributed in 1982 to $9,081.48 donated by students in 1990. Revenue from the endowment is used to provide grants for students and programs involving students. The scope of those projects is as broad as the myriad interests and opportunities with which students are confronted. The awards range from $150 to $2,500.

Along with the special requests that are considered annually, the King grants each year provide trophies for the Citywide Spelling Bee and the Washington D.C. "Close-Up" Program that enables Gary high school students to travel to the nation's capital for first-hand observation on how the federal government operates.

Gary students are prepared for the future by the Student Leadership Institute at Indiana University in Bloomington and King grants pay a part of their expenses. The most recent funding also included dollars for an After School Arts program for students and parents at Spaulding School, as well as dollars for the Citywide Media Fair and Mathematics Contest.

The concept is to foster the idea of independence among students, to encourage a self-help approach to aspirations and to heighten individual concern for self-improvement and development. Students are involved at every level, including the Inter-High School Student Council President who sits on the GEDF board that determines how to appropriate dollars accrued in the fund.

The memorial fund honoring the martyred civil rights leader was adopted by the Foundation and the Gary School Board in 1979 as an unrestricted endowment supported by gifts from students and the community. The Martin Luther King Jr. Grant program is an effort to stimulate system-wide student participation in determining their own destiny.

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: PROGRESS FROM WITHIN

The urgency for education improvement is a paramount concern both on the national and local levels. How to help the Gary public schools accomplish needed improvements is a continuing challenge for the Gary Educational Development Foundation. The theory of the current program is that improvements are most effective when principals, teachers, parents and staff work as a team with maximum authority over planning for a specific school's needs.

GEDF School Improvement Grants of up to $2,000 have produced dramatic results in academic performances of students as well as addressed disciplinary and other concerns that have an impact on the learning process. Progress recorded at one of the participating schools - Washington Elementary - was so impressive that it earned state plaudits.

All schools are eligible to apply for School Improvement Program grants. Usually, a team of administrators and staff combine ideas to tailor a program to the respective building needs. Applications are first screened by officials who want to make sure proposals do not duplicate any existing program, that they comply with school regulations and that funds for the program are not provided in the regular operating budget.

Applications are then forwarded to the Education Improvement Committee which consists of eight representatives of the Foundation and three of the Gary Community School Corporation. The committee must examine all the proposals and select recipients. The school corporation supervises the program and performs evaluation.

The School Improvement Program was developed through cooperative planning between the Foundation and the Public Education Fund (PEF), a national organization formed to assist in establishing and strengthening private-public sector collaborations in urban areas.

The fund was established in 1983, with an initial $2 million grant from the Ford Foundation to be used throughout the nation. The GEDF Education Improvement Committee had its first meeting January 29, 1985 and selected as its first chairman John L. Howard, former president of the Gary Board of School Trustees.

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After three years of funding the Foundation, the primary national source of dollars for the program - the Public Education Fund - was dissolved. The program is continuing with funding from the Foundation and rather than annually, the appropriations for school improvement projects are made every two years.

Projects have been as unique as the schools, staff and students for whom they were designed.

The College-Bound Writing Tutorial at Wirt High School has honed the writing skills of students who fit in neither the remedial nor the accelerated student identification. The program has been important in the wake of national Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores that show the most significant deficiency for urban scholars in areas dealing with language skills.

Current programs include The Andromeda Project at West Side High School which will teach students to gaze beyond the stars with the use of a newly-purchased telescope; the Electronic Publication Project at Roosevelt High School will enable students to produce a school newspaper with the latest electronic publishing technology and Wirt was approved for its program, Student Sessions - Improving Academic Skills.

Both "Rally Around the Stars" sponsored by Media Services and the Pulaski "Read-in" program emphasize the need to improve reading skills among students. An Edison Middle School project focuses on "Parenting Skills - To Raise a Healthy Adolescent" and Aetna Elementary School is working overtime for academic progress with its "After School Program."

The Foundation is continuously attempting to improve both the quality of programs and the selection process. A seminar will be orchestrated by members of the Education Improvement Committee representing Indiana University Northwest, and the Gary Community School Corporation in an effort to help improve proficiency among those responsible for completing grant applications in the schools.

# PROGRAM TEACHES STUDENTS INNER WORKINGS OF GOVERNMENT, ECONOMICS

The Foundation was responsible for the formation of a program that sought to develop economic literacy among Gary students. Subsequently, it was broadened to also strive to provide them a working knowledge of government at various levels.

That program, the Community-Based Government-Economics Seminar, is into its 13th year. As a result of the commitment of coordinator Faye Ison and other high school teachers involved, students have undergone a learning experience that goes far beyond what is contained between the covers of the textbook in the classroom setting.

The program has evolved from a group of 35 seniors participating in an after school honors program focused solely on economics to becoming a viable part of the Gary public schools curriculum, introducing government as a component and expanding to involve more than 100 students.

All participants study various governmental agencies as part of the program while the seminar class at each high school is assigned to a different business for the economics aspect of the program. Businesses offer speakers, tours of facilities, informative handouts and other material as part of the insight extended to students at Horace Mann, Roosevelt, Lew Wallace, Emerson, West Side and Wirt schools.

Those businesses participating in the Community-Based Government-Economics Seminar in 1990 are Gainer Bank, Indiana Bell Telephone, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) Industries, Methodist Hospitals and the Post-Tribune.

The diversity of the participants offers a broad perspective into the corporate sector that immediately impacts on the young people who gain knowledge from this behind-the-scenes examination of ways in which the economy functions in their community.

Moving into the public arena, the participants in the Community-Based Government-Economics Seminar include the Gary Public Transportation Corp., Gary Regional Airport, the Gary Police Department, the Gary Sanitary District, the Gary Department of Weights and Measures, the Gary Commission for Women, Gary City Court and the Gary Common Council.

Students also visit the Lake County Government Complex in Crown Point as well as the Federal Reserve Bank, the Board of Trade, the Mercantile Exchange and the Midwest Stock Exchange, all in the neighboring City of Chicago.

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Students in the program attend the meetings of the government bodies and observe how policy is established and executed. They learn the nuances of community input and gain a perspective on their role as a private citizen in the workings of government.

With the businesses, they learn the corporate structure and the way in which each corporation operates differently to address its specific needs. By humanizing industry, they are able to see themselves in positions to which they may have otherwise never been exposed. And they learn the language of the economic sector.

The success of the program is largely attributed to a group of dedicated teachers at each school. They accompany students on field trips and tours; transport young people to community sites; coordinate business study with people in the corporate sector; integrate relative information from a variety of sources into the curriculum; administer tests and assist in coordinating of assemblies and seminars.

One such seminar is highlighted by a panel discussion between students and Senator Richard Lugar who annually sets aside time to participate in the program and enlighten youths on the most current issues facing Congress.

In the end, the economic literacy of students and their understanding of how goods and services critical in their everyday lives are produced are both enhanced. And they have a better grasp than most of their peers on understanding the complexities of government and how it works at a number of levels.

# Gary Educational Development Foundation, Inc.

## MORE AND LARGER SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

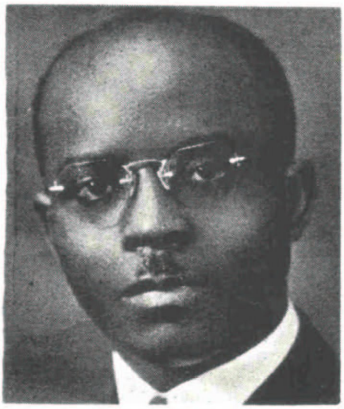
Recognizing the need for added knowledge and skills to function successfully in an increasingly complex society, GEDF is promoting the expansion of permanent resources to help more students have access to appropriate post-secondary education.

Presented here are 22 scholarship endowments, 11 of which became operational in 1989-90. The new matching plan started in 1989 accounts for most of the 100% increase.

An endowment within GEDF's mission can be started with $2,000. Additional donations from individuals and not-for-profit groups are matched one-to-one up to a total of $20,000. When the total reaches $10,000, the specified awards begin. All interest received from invested endowments is applied to the respective scholarships. The $20,000 limit does not apply to the endowments for education improvement or Martin L. King student enrichment grants.

The Dollars for Scholars matching fund is supported by donations primarily from the business community. In effect, the businesses and the community at-large share equally in developing endowments and both sectors benefit from the extended preparation of students for their roles as workers, parents and citizens.

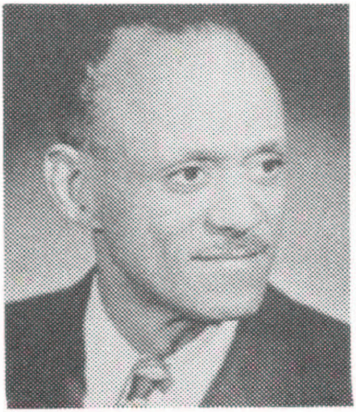
Shown here for each scholarship endowment is a picture of the person in the title or a person or symbol related to the endowment and a brief description:



### H. Theo. Tatum

As Principal of Roosevelt High School 1933-61, Mr. Tatum was the primary leader in establishing the Roosevelt tradition that is extensively recognized within and beyond the United States. The school became the educational, cultural and recreational center for a large segment of the City. The H. Theo Tatum Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1982 primarily by the Tatum and Morgan families, is offered annually to a Roosevelt High School senior who has achieved high standing in honor, scholarship and service.

## Warren M. Anderson



As Principal of Roosevelt High School 1961-70, Mr. Anderson continued leadership in developing and enhancing the Roosevelt tradition, while outstanding alumni were spreading it in many places through a variety of careers. The Warren M. Anderson Memorial Scholarship; endowed in 1983 primarily by Mrs. Helen Anderson and daughter, Rosemary Davis; is offered annually for a Roosevelt High School senior who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, citizenship and service.

## Robert E. Jones

As Principal of Roosevelt High School 1970-1990, Mr. Jones followed his predecessors in the ongoing building of the Roosevelt tradition. He made a special effort to establish a personal relationship with each student. He was involved in the development of five scholarships for Roosevelt students. In July 1990 he became a member of the Gary Board of School Trustees. The Robert E. Jones Scholarship, endowed in 1990 by the Jones family and friends, is offered annually for a Roosevelt High School senior who plans to enter the field of education.

## Roosevelt High School Alumni

Roosevelt graduates have become productive citizens in various careers and community services. Normally they have remained loyal to Roosevelt and supported many of its activities. In 1986, Frederick C. Ford donated $2,217.52 to be used as seeds to start GEDF endowments for all Gary high schools. With encouragement from Principal Robert E. Jones, Roosevelt alumni nurtured their seed into a full operating endowment by 1989. This scholarship is offered annually for a Roosevelt senior who is pursuing a definite career goal.

## Carrie B. Dawson

As Principal of Williams Elementary School and later administrator/assistant superintendent of the Developmental Programs Department 1957-1977, Dr. Dawson's leadership was noteworthy in several developments that received substantial federal support. These included the early learning programs and what is now the Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy. She always emphasized that "Programs are People". The Carrie B. Dawson Scholarship, endowed in 1978 by Dr. Dawson's family and many friends, is offered annually for a high school senior who is pursuing a career in elementary education.

## Haron J. Battle

As a mathematics teacher and counselor for Roosevelt High School 1934-1955 and supervisor and assistant superintendent for the School Corporation 1956-1978, Dr. Battle has been involved in many developments and operations in the schools. He was a co-founder of Gary Educational Development Foundation and has served as executive director since its incorporation in 1975. The Haron J. Battle Scholarship, endowed in 1979 initially by numerous friends, is offered annually with payments through four years for a senior who is pursuing a realistic career plan.

## Ruth L. Battle

Ruth Battle served in the Gary schools 1934-1971 as teacher of English at Roosevelt High School; with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York 1971-1985 as an insurance underwriter and registered representative; with the Indiana Retired Teachers Association board of directors 1980-to date, including two years as state president of the Association; and presently with AARP as state legislative chairperson. The Ruth L. Battle Scholarship; endowed in 1987 by the Haron and Ruth Battle family, is offered annually to a senior who is pursuing a worthy career.

## Powers and Sons Construction Company, Inc.

Since 1966 Powers and Sons Construction Company has been a major contractor initially in residential and later primarily for commercial and industrial construction in Indiana and Illinois. Mamon M. Powers, Sr. is a productive participant in many community organizations including the GEDF Board of Directors. This scholarship, endowed by the Company in 1983, is offered for a maximum of four years to the same student who continues successfully in the study of construction technology or a related area at an approved college. When one student completes or leaves the program, another is selected.

## Urban Ventures

Urban Ventures, a Chicago not-for-profit corporation engaged in assisting the development of minority businesses, was dissolving in 1976. Frederick C. Ford, while serving as President of the Gary Board of School Trustees in 1969 had introduced the foundation concept in Gary and later arranged through Urban Ventures President Warren H. Bacon for a donation of $28,000, the first in a series, with the understanding that it would be held in escrow by the Gary Community School Corporation pending completion of the foundation's incorporation in 1977 and that the benefits would be shared equally by students in Gary and Chicago. This scholarship is offered annually, alternately in Gary and Chicago, for a minority student who is pursuing a career in business.

## William A. Wirt

Dr. William A. Wirt became the first superintendent of the Gary Public Schools in 1906 and remained in that office more than thirty years. He introduced the work-study-play school organization plan which became highly recognized nationally. A Gary high school was given his name. The William A. Wirt Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1977 with gifts from numerous organizations and individuals, is awarded annually to a worthy student selected within each of the Gary high schools and Martin Luther King Academy.

## Gary Board of Realtors

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The Gary Board of Realtors dissolved in 1987 and joined three other boards to form the new Northwest Indiana Board of Realtors. President Sylvia McDonald and Scholarship Committee Chairman Eugene Ayers led the Board in arrangements for establishing a scholarship endowment from its remaining assets in 1989. The Gary Board of Realtors Scholarship is offered annually for a high school senior with positive personal, leadership and citizenship qualities; who is pursuing a career in real estate or a related business field.

## Vancom/Calumet Bus Service

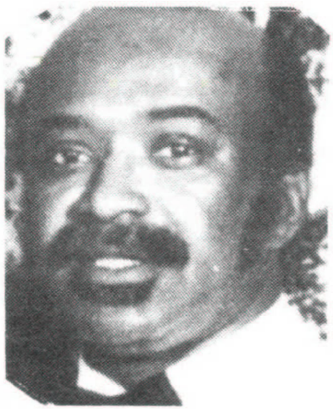
The Vancom/Calumet Bus Service provides transportation for the Gary schools and other organizations or groups. In 1983 it established a GEDF scholarship endowment which offers an award annually for a student who is pursuing a one or two-year program in a trade, vocational, business or proprietory school.

## Gary Teachers Union Cheever-Hannagan

Mary Cheevers and Angela Hannagan were dedicated teachers in the Gary Community School Corporation and leaders in the Gary Teachers Union. The Gary Teachers Union Local #4, with Sandra Irons as President, established this scholarship endowment in 1989 as a memorial to each of them. The Gary Teachers Union Cheever-Hannagan Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to a senior who is pursuing a teaching career and has a parent or guardian who is a member of American Federation of Teachers, Local #4.

## Joseph E. Matthews, Jr.

As a science teacher at Roosevelt High School, Mr. Matthews was enthusiastic about his life long commitment to youth, education and athletics. The Joseph E. Matthews Jr. Memorial Scholarship, endowed by the Matthews family in 1987, is offered annually to a Roosevelt High School senior who has at least a B average, has taken Chemistry or biology, has lettered at least one year in a team sport and has a good record in citizenship and leadership.



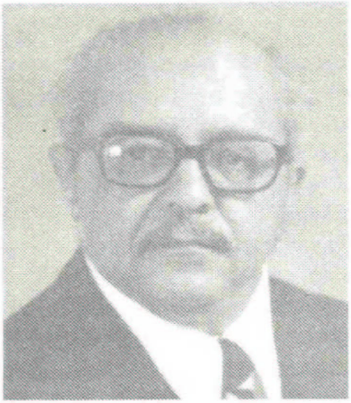
## Joseph C. Knox, Jr.

As a teacher, bank examiner and entrepreneur, Mr. Knox was highly committed to his work and relationships with students from several school corporations at the Gary Career Center. Additional assignments and contacts in the Gary area brought him closer to Roosevelt and Horace Mann students. The Joseph C. Knox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, endowed by the Knox family in 1989, is offered annually for a senior who is pursuing a career in banking, business or education and is selected in rotation from the Career Center, Roosevelt and Horace Mann.

## Tuskegee University Alumni/Gary Branch

The Gary Branch of the Tuskegee University Alumni Association has established a scholarship endowment for a deserving student who is entering Tuskegee University. Former President Ella Bush and Student Welfare Chairperson Erma Smith-Bruce of the Gary Alumni Branch were directly involved in establishing the endowment in 1989.

## Edgar A. Harrison, Sr.



Edgar A. Harrison served in the Gary schools 1961-1978 as counselor and assistant principal. He demonstrated a strong commitment to assist students in the schools and through community activites. The Edgar A. Harrison Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1979 by donations initially from Mrs. Catherine Harrison and Alpha Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, is offered annually for a student who has selected a sound career development plan in an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

## Watkins' Shell / New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

Willie Watkins, owner of Watkins' Shell and Food Marts, in his desire to help the community, gifted the New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church with funds for awarding scholarships. The church's pastor. Rev. W. N. Reed, has demonstrated interest in public education through his service on school-related committees. This scholarship was endowed in 1989 by donations from Willie Watkins and the New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. The scholarship is offered annually for a deserving student pursuing a sound career goal in an accredited post-secondary institution of one year or more.

## Anner H. Barnes

Anner H. Barnes was an English teacher at West Side High School 1965-1988. She was admired by students and colleagues. Her husband, Johnnie, demonstrated a strong determination to have her assistance to students continued through this and future generations. The Anner H. Barnes Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1989 by her family and friends, is offered annually for a West Side High School senior who has a worthy career plan and is pursuing it diligently.

## Barbara Leek-Wesson

Barbara Leek-Wesson served as Gary City Clerk 1980-86. She demonstrated strong leadership in the development of Metro Corps, the Gary Community Mental Health Center, the Martin Luther King Academy and several other community outreach projects. She worked toward ensuring that the rights of every citizen were protected and preserved. The Barbara Leek-Wesson Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1989 by her family and friends, is offered annually to a deserving average student who is pursuing a worthy career.

## Gary Rotary/Ban Yarrington Scholarship Endowment

Bancroft Yarrington was an outstanding leader and role model in the Gary Rotary Club, United States Steel Public Relations, the Methodist Hospitals Board of Directors and numerous other community organizations. The Gary Rotary/Ban Yarrington Memorial Scholarship, endowed in 1990 by donations from 100% of the Gary Rotary Club members through competing Captains Robert Gasser and Mamon Powers cheered by President Morris Poogach and aided by special donations from Rotarian James O'Neill and the Methodist Hospitals, is offered annually for a high achieving student with realistic career plans. Interest in international relations will be considered in a choice between two applicants otherwise equally qualified.

## Alpha Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Alpha Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity conducts several youth service projects. Leaders in establishing this endowment in 1990 were Basileus Bernie Culver and Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert Jones. The Alpha Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship is offered annually for a deserving male student who has realistic plans for pursuing post-secondary education. The scholarship is limited to males because the Chapter discovered that 80% of all awards had been given to females.

# G E D F SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

| SCHOLARSHIPS AND YEARS AWARDED: | STUDENTS: | HIGH SCHOOL: | SELECTED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY |
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| **URBAN VENTURES** | | | |
| | **$1,000.00 ANNUALLY (TOTAL: $4,000.00)** | | |
| 77-81 | Lula M. Barber | Roosevelt | IU/NW Campus |
| | Larry Owens | Chicago | Florida A. & M. |
| 78-82 | Anita S. Mills | West Side | IU/NW |
| | Linda Peters | Chicago | Brown U/Rhode Is. |
| 81-85 | Terrie A. Sams | Roosevelt | U. of Michigan |
| | Benzie T. Smothers | Chicago | Ill. Inst. of Tech |
| 83-87 | Henry J. McNair | West Side | Iowa State |
| 84-88 | Steven Dial | Chicago | Stanford U. |
| 85-89 | Michelle T. Simon | Horace Mann | U. of Iowa |
| 86-90 | Lisa Gaines | Chicago | Florida A. & M. |
| 87-91 | Adesewa Akili | Wirt | Emory U./Georgia |
| 88-92 | Darranda Beyah | Chicago | Virginia Union U. Richmond, VA |
| 89-93 | Rutava Cook | Horace Mann | IU/Bloomington |
| 90-94 | Renee Coleman | Chicago | Fisk U./Tenn. |
| **WILLIAM A. WIRT** | | | |
| | **$200.00 ANNUALLY** | | |
| 77-78 | Vernisha Shepard | Horace Mann | IU/NW Campus |
| | Ruth Brown | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfyette. |
| 78-79 | Shelly Goins | Emerson | IU/NW Campus |
| | Royal Joiner | Horace Mann | IU/NW Campus |
| | Cheryl Armstrong | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Laura A. Chillemi | Lew Wallace | St. Mary of the Lake |
| | Kimberly D. Stokes | West Side | Northwestern |
| | Jeremy Stern | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |

## WILLIAM A. WIRT CONTINUED:

### $200.00 ANNUALLY

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| 79-80 | Patricia Robinson | Emerson | Florida A. & M. |
| | Jeanette Burbridge | Horace Mann | Georgia I. of T. |
| | Mary Cage | Roosevelt | IU/Bloomington |
| | Laura Argostino | Lew Wallace | Ball State |
| | James Cole | West Side | Ill. I. of T. |
| | Carlton Long | Wirt | DePauw U. |
| 80-81 | Nevel Hardy (Ms.) | Emerson | IU/NW Campus |
| | Karen Allen | Horace Mann | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Anita Frazier | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Graciela Silva | Lew Wallace | Ball State |
| | Angela K. Johnson | West Side | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Debra Wilburn | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |
| 81-82 | Cathy Brown | Emerson | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Nina Johnson | Horace Mann | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Richard Smith | M. L. King | Indiana State |
| | Shirley A. Brim | Roosevelt | Georgia Military |
| | Anthony Osika | Lew Wallace | Purdue Cal. |
| | Kenneth K. Fisher | West Side | Howard U. |
| | Sherlyn M. Hill | Wirt | Ball State |

### $300.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82-83 | Ernice Davis | Horace Mann | IU/Bloomington |
| | Lavel Beach | M. L. King | IU/Bloomington |
| | Deborah Robinson | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Linda Wiechnik | Lew Wallace | Ball State |
| | Andrea House | West Side | Howard U. |
| | Nancy A. Lewis | Wirt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 83-84 | Doreather Baskin | Horace Mann | Denison U.-Ohio |
| | Janet Seabrooke | Roosevelt | IU/Bloomington |
| | Bridget Ferguson | Lew Wallace | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Stephen Ferrell | West Side | Iowa State |
| | Karyn D. Williams | Wirt | Butler U. |

### $400.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84-85 | Kimberly Ceaser | Horace Mann | Ball State |
| | Gloria Durden | M. L. King | Vincennes U. |
| | Kendra Riley | Roosevelt | Denison U. |
| | Larry Moore | Lew Wallace | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Karen Miller | West Side | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Douglas Barwig | Wirt | U. of Colorado |

## WILLIAM A. WIRT
## CONTINUED:

### $400.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85-86 | Henrietta King | Horace Mann | St. Louis U. |
| | Rickie Lipscomb | M. L. King | IVEY Tech. |
| | Sharon Polk | Roosevelt | Indiana State |
| | Charlotte L. Parker | Lew Wallace | Ill. I. of T. |
| | Karen M. Pryce | West Side | Clark College/GA |
| | Kimberly D. Eison | Wirt | Grinnell/Iowa |
| 86-87 | Moses Sims | Horace Mann | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Adrianne Donelson | M. L. King | Thornton Cllge. |
| | Tammi Baker | Roosevelt | Boston U. |
| | Alicia Fair | Lew Wallace | IU/Bloomington |
| | Linda Derico | West Side | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Beverly Singleton | Wirt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 87-88 | Marciano Perez | Horace Mann | Denison U./Ohio |
| | Cathy F. Evans | M. L. King | U. of Minnesota |
| | Karlisa L. Smith | Roosevelt | Howard U. |
| | Keith Mott | Lew Wallace | Southern U./LA |
| | Kevin J. Hawkins | West Side | Lake Forest, IL |
| | Lisa Horton | Wirt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 88-89 | Latrice Blacklock | Emerson PAC | Embry Aero. |
| | Norman Grant | Horace Mann | IU |
| | LaShawnda Hannah | M. L. King | Clark U./Georgia |
| | Timothy Jackson | Roosevelt | DePauw U. |
| | Stacy Rogers | Lew Wallace | Hampton U. |
| | Erica Redden | West Side | IU/Bloomington |
| | Vernon Green | Wirt | Vincennes |
| 89-90 | Gary D. Peters | Emerson PAC | Drake U./Iowa |
| | Karen Gray | Horace Mann | IU/NW |
| | Kenya C. Hayes (Mr.) | M. L. King | Vincennes |
| | Jameece Latimer | Roosevelt | Tennessee State |
| | Orland Nevers | Lew Wallace | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| | Melanie Shelton | West Side | Virginia Union Clg. |
| | Che Pompy | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |
| 90-91 | Monica M. Nichols | Emerson PAC | IUN |
| | Kamika D. Eison | Horace Mann | Ball State |
| | Melanie Thomas | M. L. King | Jackson State |
| | Gregory Page | Roosevelt | Purdue/Calumet |
| | Maria Avila | Lew Wallace | IU/Bloomington |
| | Talisa Johnson | West Side | Tuskegee |
| | Sharon Morgan | Wirt | Northwestern |

## CARRIE B. DAWSON

### $750.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78-79 | Diane Turnage | West Side | Purdue Calumet |
| 79-80 | Patricia Dawson | Horace Mann | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 80-81 | Gayle Faye Taub | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |

### $800.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 81-82 | Tami Robinson | Wirt | IU/NW Campus |

### $1,000.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82-83 | Alisa Rondo | Roosevelt | IU/NW Campus |
| 83-84 | Dawn Ruzbasan | Lew Wallace | Ball State |
| 84-85 | Donna Ruzbasan | Lew Wallace | Ball State |
| 85-86 | Melanie T. Hawkins | West Side | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 86-87 | Thelma H. Shaw | West Side | U. of North C. |
| 87-88 | Tammie L. McGrone | Horace Mann | IU/Bloomington |
| 88-89 | Leslie Melton | Horace Mann | Jackson State U. |
| 89-90 | Dionne E. Moore | Horace Mann | Ball State |
| 90-91 | Miriam Flores | West Side | IUN |

## HARON J. BATTLE

### $400.00 ANNUALLY (TOTAL: $1,600.00)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 79-83 | Linda Atwood | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 80-84 | Gary E. Thomas | Emerson | IU/Bloomington |
| 81-85 | Andrew E. Lucas | Emerson | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |

### $500.00 ANNUALLY (TOTAL: $2,000.00)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82-86 | Frederick E. Denham | West Side | Morehouse |
| 83-87 | Kimberly King | Horace Mann | Grinnell/Iowa |
| 84-88 | Charles O. Reese | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |

## HARON J. BATTLE,

## CONTINUED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85-89 | Mildred Kilgore | Horace Mann | Notre Dame |
| 86-90 | Kenya Scott | Horace Mann | IU/NW Campus |
| 87-91 | Michael A. Molina | West Side | Purdue/W. Lyftte. |
| 88-92 | Deidre Y. Armstrong | West Side | IU/Bloomington |
| 89-93 | Inez E. Wright | Lew Wallace | Northwestern |
| 90-94 | Tara N. Trass | Roosevelt | U. of Iowa |

## EDGAR A. HARRISON SR.

### $800.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 79-80 | Jennifer Hoock | Wirt | Oberlin, Ohio |
| 80-81 | Andriene D. Crump | Horace Mann | Oakwood, Alabama |
| 81-82 | Laura Rosillo | Horace Mann | IU/Bloomington |

### $1,000.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82-83 | Maria Sanchez | Lew Wallace | IU/Bloomington |
| 83-84 | Tonya Tuggle | Horace Mann | Brown University |
| 84-85 | Sarah M. Adams | Horace Mann | Indiana State |
| 85-86 | Angela E. Bryant | Roosevelt | Darthmouth U. |
| 86-87 | Alex Newell | West Side | Purdue Calumet |
| 87-88 | Annette McBride | Lew Wallace | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 88-89 | Sylvia Medellin | Horace Mann | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 89-90 | Erika L. Adams | West Side | Georgetown U. |
| 90-91 | Leshia Baker | Lew Wallace | Notre Dame |

## WARREN M. ANDERSON (AVAILABLE TO ROOSEVELT SENIORS ONLY):

### $1,000.00 ANNUALLY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 83-84 | Ruthie Darling | Butler University |
| 84-85 | Camile N. Comer | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 85-86 | Celestine Ammons | Northwestern |
| 86-87 | Susan B. Douglas | Howard University |

### $700.00 ANNUALLY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 87-88 | Eddie L. Smith | American Diesel |
| 88-89 | Rodriq W. Turner | Howard University |
| 89-90 | Roland H. Walker | Morehouse |
| 90-91 | Sharonda L. Waterhouse | IU/Bloomington |

## VANCOM/CALUMET BUS SERVICE

### $1,000.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 83-84 | Stephanie M. Durham | West Side | IU/NW Campus |
| 84-85 | Nancy Jimenez | Lew Wallace | R. Morris Bus. C. |
| 85-86 | Josefina Magana | Lew Wallace | IU/NW Campus |
| 86-87 | Carolyn R. Ewing | Roosevelt | Purdue Calumet |

### $700.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87-88 | Eddie L. Smith | Roosevelt | American Diesel |
| 88-89 | Angela Whitt | Wirt | R. Morris Bus. C. |

### $800.00 ANNUALLY

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|---|---|---|---|
| 89-90 | Ronald Griffin | West Side | IVEY Tech. |
| 90-91 | Gwendolyn D. Meux | West Side | IUN |

## HAVENS & EMERSON

### $1,250.00 ANNUALLY

### (AWARDED FOR 2 YEARS ONLY FOR TOTAL OF $2,500.00)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78-79, 79-80 | Angela Membres | Roosevelt | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |

## H. THEO TATUM

### (AVAILABLE TO ROOSEVELT SENIORS ONLY)

### $1,000.00 ANNUALLY

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|---|---|---|
| 82-83 | Marlene Merriweather | Ball State |
| 83-84 | Mary Stephenson | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 84-85 | Adella F. Crozier | Carnegie-M./PA |
| 85-86 | Ronald Sullivan | Morehouse |
| 86-87 | Tracy L. Benford | Stanford University |
| 87-88 | Lisa C. Saulsberry | Howard University |

### $1,200.00 ANNUALLY

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| 88-89 | Sharmell Sullivan | Spelman |
| 89-90 | Alonzo C. Brumfield | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 90-91 | Tasha M. Harris | Notre Dame |

## RUTH L. BATTLE

### $700.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87-88 | Cynthia Torres | Lew Wallace | Purdue/W. Lfytte. |
| 88-89 | Trevor Meeks | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |
| 89-90 | Eric Woods | Wirt | IU/Bloomington |
| 90-91 | Gina Henderson | Roosevelt | Embry-Riddle |

## POWERS & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED

### $1,200.00 ANNUALLY

| | | | |
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| 83-85<br>(Discontinued: 85-86) | Nina Whittington | West Side | Purdue Calumet |

### $1,200.00 ANNUALLY FOR THREE (3) YEARS:

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| 87-90 | Lenox Gay<br>(Student received Scholarship as a Sophomore in College) | Roosevelt | Tuskegee U./AL |
| 90-91 | Vincent S. Lee | Lew Wallace | Purdue/Lafayette |

## JRJ (PHOTOGRAPHY) FUND

### $500.00 (ONE YEAR TRIAL BASIS)

| | | | |
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| 89-90 | Alan Dickerson | Emerson V. & PAC | Chicago Art Inst. |

## GARY BOARD OF REALTORS

**$700.00 ANNUALLY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 89-90 | Maribel Gonsalez | Wirt | U. of Notre Dame |
| 90-91 | Marlen R. Hanson | Emerson V. & PAC | IU/Bloomington |

## ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI AND ASSOCIATION:

**$700.00 ANNUALLY**

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| 90-91 | Donetta M. Hill | Roosevelt | Iowa State U. |

## GARY TEACHERS UNION CHEEVER/HANNAGAN

**$700.00 ANNUALLY**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 90-91 | Rari K. Mitchell (M.) | West Side | Purdue/Lafayette |

## JOSEPH E. MATTHEWS

**$800.00 ANNUALLY**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 90-91 | Ursula C. Jackson | Roosevelt | Purdue Calumet |

## JOSEPH C. KNOX, JR.

**$700.00 ANNUALLY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 90-91 | Treshanda Williams | Career Center (Home School: Wirt) | IU/Bloomington |

## GARY/TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**$1,000.00 ANNUALLY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 90-91 | Erika Brown | Wirt | Tuskegee University |

## WATKINS' SHELL - NEW MT. MORIAH CHURCH

**$700.00 ANNUALLY**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 90-91 | Melvin D. Richardson | Wirt | Morehouse |

# RESPONDING TO AN URGENT NEED, 1975-2000

Gary Educational Development Foundation was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 1975. Its stated purpose was to promote, sponsor and expand educational opportunities and programs affecting students; with tax exempt donations as the main source of support. This booklet has presented a brief review of developments in the four major programs through which the purpose has been pursued during the last fifteen years.

There has been continuing emphasis on increasing the size and number of scholarships for seniors and supplementary grants to enable students to have special enrichment experiences.

The Foundation initiated opportunities for a limited number of high school students to receive orientation to business and government in the classroom and at work sites. This has evolved from an extracurricular activity into a regular school program. GEDF continues to provide supplementary support.

The Education Improvement Program has demonstrated the kind of achievement that a team of motivated staff members and parents with a high degree of independence can accomplish within an elementary or secondary school. The roles of the School Corporation, the Foundation, and the representative Education Improvement Committee have been defined.

The following strategies have emerged through efforts to improve the quality of and support for effective supplementary programs to enhance education: (1) collaborating with the School Corporation to maximize the positive impact of school and foundation resources and services, (2) expanding collaboration with appropriate community organizations, (3) using endowments as the primary source for all program and operating funds, (4) encouraging honorary and memorial endowments for purposes within the foundation's mission, and (5) cultivating the "Dollars for Scholars" matching fund in partnership with the business community. The matching plan provides that after $2,000 has been received for an acceptable new endowment, additional donations from individuals or not-for-profit organizations are matched 1-to-1 up to $20,000 from the "Dollars for Scholars" matching fund. Beginning at $10,000, the endowment's revenue is used for its program support as previously agreed. The maximum for matching is unlimited for the endowments that support education improvement and Martin Luther King student grants. There is a continuing challenge to the business community team and the Foundation to keep the "Dollars for Scholars" matching fund ahead of rapidly increasing donations to eligible endowments.

As we approach the next decade, 1991-2000, we recognize that GEDF in collaboration with the schools and all sectors of the community must take bold steps to expand meaningful improvements in educational experiences and opportunities for all students. The cost will be minimal in comparison to the human and financial consequences that will follow an inadequate response to this urgent need now.

Robert C. Gasser, Chairman
Board of Directors

Haron J. Battle
Executive Director

# GEDF ACCUMULATING ENDOWMENTS - 1990

42A. Mann Alumni
42C. Wallace Alumni
42D. West Side Alumni
42E. Wirt Alumni
42F. Martin L. King Alumni
42G. Froebel Alumni
42H. Emerson Alumni
42I. Edison Alumni
42J. Tolleston Alumni
47. Emerson Arts School
80. Sharon Kaplan
84. Montague M. Oliver
85. Herschel B. Davis
87. Robert B. James, Sr.
88. Charles O. Smith

This year GEDF has provided $400 to $4,000 scholarship awards for 25 students; 27 enrichment grants for student participation in academic contests, a media fair, a "Close-up" study of the U.S. government in Washington, a summer leadership institute at Indiana University Bloomington, the Rotary International student exchange program, a youth law enforcement training conference in Canada, the Spirit of America Marching Band tour of Europe, the U.S. Space Academy in Alabama and the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan. Other programs are cited elsewhere.

To make a donation to any endowment(s) above, write the applicable account number(s) and endowment title in a note. Include your name, address and phone number.

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